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1. IN APRIL 17 EXTROARDINARY CABINET MEETING CALLED TO TREAT VARIOUS ECONOMIC MATTERS CABINET APPROVED SEVERAL MEASURES DESIGNED TO CONTROL PRICE INCREASES WHICH HAVE CAUSED WIDE- SPREAD AND VOCIFEROUS PUBLIC OPPOSITION, SPECIFICALLY, DECISIONS WERE TAKEN TO (1) APPLY LAW OF STATE SECURITY, WHICH AUTHORIZES IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL, TO SPECULATORS AND USURERS; (2) PROHIBIT MEAT AND COFFEE EXPORTS UNTIL SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF THOSE COMMODITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION; (3) AUTHORIZE FREE IMPORTATION OF WHEAT; (4) PUBLISH NEW LIST OF APPROVED PRICES FOR BASIC COMMODITIES, WHICH FOR THE MOST PART ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE APPROVED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DEVALUATION; AND (5) INSTRUCT THE NATIONAL GUARD TO COOPERATE WITH THE MUNICIPAL POLICE IN CARRYING OUT GOB POLICY ON PRICE

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CONTROL.

2. COMMENT: IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ABOVE NOTED ACTIONS WILL IN FACT SOLVE PROBLEM OF RAPID INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING OR SHORT- TERM FLOUR PROBLEM; HOWEVER, THEY MAY PROVIDE THE GOB WITH A LITTLE MORE TIME IN WHICH TO SEEK AND IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE MEASURES BEFORE PUBLIC OPPOSITION ERUPTS INTO PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

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